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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1898. [27]

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
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THE Undesignated AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept First
Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSSEN & CO.,
Hongkong, 28th May, 1898. [18]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$833,333-33-
EQUAL TO } \$318,000.00
RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00

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Lou Tao Shun, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES in all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 15th December, 1898. [29]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSUUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 26th May, 1898. [30]

AUCTIONS.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 346.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of
Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction,
to be held on the spot.

TO-MORROW,
the 16th day of August, 1898, at 3 P.M., are
published for general information.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 30th July, 1898. [56]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by
Public Auction Sale, to be held To-morrow,
the 16th day of August, 1898, at 3 P.M., by Order
of His Excellency the Officer Administering the
Government of Two Lots of CROWN LAND,
in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75
Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Lottery No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in	Acrea in	Open Price
1	153.	Kennedy Rd., (North of Union Church)	ft. ft. ft. ft.	3	4,693 48	1,354

PUBLIC AUCTION.

M. GEO. P. LAMMERT has received
instructions from a mortgagee to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON

FRIDAY, the 19th August, 1898,
at 3 P.M.,
at the Auction Rooms.

All and singular the right title, share, estate
and interest of LI CHUNG PUI of and in
the Estates of LI YUEN KONG and LI
LAON; deceased. And particularly all the
right, title, share, estate and interest of the said
LI CHUNG PUI of and in the Leasehold
premises in Hongkong registered in the
Laud Office as the Remaining Portion of
SECTION F OF MARINE LOT 54, and
MARINE LOTS 17 B, 17 C, 18 and 19 and
the REMAINING PORTION OF MARINE
LOT 68, and Marine Lots 32, 150, 16, and 25
and Section 7 and Part 1 of Section A of lot 16
Lot 103 and Island Lot 539 and Island Lot 102
and Section A of Marine Lot 69 and the Remaining
Portion of Island Lot 25 and Island Lots 171 and
172 and Section C of Island Lot 10, and all rights
to extensions and Reclaimations to and from
the Sea appertaining to any of the said Lots.
Subject to prior Mortgages for Securing the
PRINCIPAL SUMS of \$31,000 and of \$35,000
and the interest thereon respectively.

For Particulars and Conditions of sale apply
to

C. EWENS,
Solicitor for the Mortgagee,
36, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 5th August, 1898. [944]

Notice of Firm.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO.
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM this date during the absence of Mr.
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE from the Colony,
Mr. GEO. L. TOMLIN has been appointed
ACTING SECRETARY to the Company.

N. A. SIEBS,
Chairman.

Hongkong, 20th July, 1898. [884]

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MONDAY

To-day's
Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship

"THALES."
Captain Burthorpe, will be despatched for the
above Port, TOMORROW, the 16th instant,
at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 15th August, 1898. [105]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
FOR NAGASAKI AND KOBE.
THE Company's Steamship

"CENTAUR,"
Captain Bannatyne, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 16th instant, at Noon.
For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th August, 1898. [106]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL
(Taking through Cargo for WESTERN AUSTRIA.
LIAN PORTS).
THE Company's Steamship

"NESTOR,"
Captain Arguth, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 16th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th August, 1898. [107]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship

"CRAIG-ARN,"
will be despatched as above TO-MORROW,
the 16th instant, at 5 P.M.
To be followed by

S.S. "LIV" on or about 25th August.
For Freight, &c., apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th August, 1898. [108]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.
THE Company's Steamship

"KUTSANG,"
Captain Bradley, will be despatched as above
on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 15th August, 1898. [109]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL
(Taking through Cargo for WESTERN AUSTRIA.
LIAN PORTS).
THE Company's Steamship

"PROMETHEUS,"
Captain Day, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon.
For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th August, 1898. [108]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR LONDON, VIA STRAITS,
(Taking Cargo at through rates for GLASGOW,
LIVERPOOL, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER
PLATE, &c.).
THE Company's Steamship

"OPACK,"
J. Barber, Commander, will be despatched as
above on or about the 15th September, 1898.
For Freight, &c., apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th August, 1898. [108]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP,
AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"SADO MARU,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
goods are landed.

Optional goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before 4
P.M.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd instant will be
subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
All ship-despatched packages must be left in the
Godowns and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Godown Company within ten
days after the vessel's arrival here, after which
no claims will be recognized.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, 15th August, 1898. [108]

Intimation.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK &
COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLY AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

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DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & CO. WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear compa-
rison with the best English Manufacture.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEETINGS and
other Large Conventions.

Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [108]

Intimations.

TAKE NOTE

IT IS UNIVERSALLY ADMITTED THAT
TO indicate the exact use of words, as
DICTIONARY can compare with the New
Edition of

WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY.
At the office of the *Hongkong Telegraph* you
can see, and procure for SIX DOLLARS, a Copy
of the *Webster's Webster*, the latest and most
emphatic proof that *Latin omnia videntur*.



A. S. WATSON & CO.
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MANUFACTURERS OF
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AERATED WATERS of our manu-
facture are sold throughout the
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ferred on account of their excellence.

ABSOLUTE PURITY is guaranteed.
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The PRICES are only half those
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WATERS MANUFACTURED BY US are
acknowledged by the leading English
makers to be equal to those of their
own production.

SIR EDWARD FRANKLAND, K.C.B.,
D.C.L., F.R.S., F.G.S., &c., the greatest
living authority on Water, reports as
follows on the water as prepared and
used by us in our manufacture:—

"It possesses an extremely high de-
gree of organic purity and is
of most excellent quality for
drinking."

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1898. [7]

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report, to-day says:—On
the 15th at 4.3 p.m.: The centre of the typhoon
seems to be now situated about 100 miles to the
S.S.W. of Gap Rock, moving W.N.W. At 9.10
p.m.: Black Ball hoisted.

On the 14th at 10.10 a.m.: Black Ball lowered.
At 11.25 a.m.: The typhoon appears to be entering the Lienchan peninsula near
Kwongchau Bay. The barometer is rising on the S. and S.E. coasts of China, falling in
Haliphong. FORECAST:—S.E. winds, decreasing;
squally and showery at first, improving later.

On the 15th at 11.35 a.m.: The depression is
passing to the North of Tongking. The
barometer has risen and almost attained the
normal on the China coast. Gradient slight
for S.E. winds. FORECAST:—Moderate S.E. to

E. winds; fair.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A NUMBER of boatmen were to-day fined \$5 for
falling to exhibit lights.

A FINE of \$5 or fourteen days was imposed on
two chair coolies for refusing a lawful fare.

A COOLIE and an accountant who stole a watch
and chain from a brothel got six weeks "hard"
to-day.

H.M.S. *Blankenship* with reliefs for the *Barfleur*
is expected to arrive either to-morrow or Wed-
nesday.

H.M.S. *Hermione*, from Singapore and Bangkok,
and the *Peacock*, from Labuan, arrived here
yesterday.

Two boatmen, for the colonial possession of
half a ton of Cardiff coal, were to-day fined \$50,
in default two months.

A SENTENCE of six weeks was imposed on a
boatman to-day for the theft of a quantity of
plates, bowls, dishes, &c., at Yau-ma-tei.

THE *Rainbow*, cruiser, Captain Vernon A.
Tisdall, was paid off at Devonport on 12th ult.
from her commission on the China Station.

It has been ascertained that 40,000 tons of coal
from Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York
are on the way to Admiral Dewey at Manila.

FOR stealing a clock and a box from the cabin
of the chief officer of the steamship *Wotang*, a
boy to-day received a sentence of forty-two days.

THE Rt. Rev. Bishop Hoare, Mrs. Hoare and
family have booked for Hongkong per P. and O.
steamer *Shanghai*, leaving London on October
1st.

THE return of the number of visitors to the City
Hall Museum for the week ended August 14th
are:—Europeans, 179; Chinese, 1,636; total
1,815.

A JUNK master who attempted to leave the
harbour without a clearance was caught by P.C.
Hammond and to-day he was fined \$10 or a
month.

A COOLIE found trespassing at Victoria Barracks
and who refused to leave when ordered to do so
go to prison for two weeks unless he can pay the
Police shillings \$5.

A PAIR of red pongee silk trousers belonging to
a brothel mistress excited a coolie's rapidly and
he stole them. To-day he was sent to gaol for
twenty-eight days.

THE following appointments have been made at
the Admiralty:—Lieutenants—B. V. Brooke, to the
1st July, at 162, Elgin-avenue, Malabar, W.
A. Aaron Raphael Brilios, formerly of
Calcutta, aged 56.

At Shanghai, on the 4th of August, 1898,
Donald Paterson, the beloved son of J. B.
and Lillian Cameron, aged 3 years.

At the General Hospital, Singapore, on August
1st, Archibald Hepburn-Mitchell, of Johore.

During the week ending August 12th there had
been one case of plague in Hongkong and none
in the other districts. There was also one non-
fatal case of diphtheria. No cases of fever of
any kind were reported to the authorities.

THE new Japanese cruiser *Kasagi* has had her
trial trip with Japanese representatives aboard.
The trial was over the forty-five knot course, and the
high speed of twenty-three knots an hour was
attained. The *Kasagi* was built at Cramp's
yard at Philadelphia.

PROFESSOR Becker, of the Geological Survey,
has been ordered to proceed to the Philippines
to report on their physical characteristics, and
especially on the minerals, beginning with
Luzon. Mr. Becker, who is a graduate of
Harvard, recently visited the Transvaal on a
similar mission on behalf of some London
corporations.

AT Hamburg the East Asiatic Trading Company
has been created with a paid-up capital of
M. 500,000, in 500 shares of M. 1,000 each. A
meeting of shareholders has been called for July
26th in order to decide as to the amalgamation
with the firm of Messrs. Hauling, Buschmann
and Menzel, at Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai,
Hankow and Tientsin.

WE have received two very pretty pictures from
Messrs. J. A. de Souza & Co., of Stanley Street,
the local agents for Rainier Beer. The pictures
are advertisements for this popular beverage and
are a long way in advance of the ordinary show
card. One depicts a boating party and the
other a squadron of cyclists. They are artisti-
cally coloured and are well worth framing.

IT is a pity the interpreter at the Magistracy does
not tell His Worship literally all the Chinese
witnesses say in the box. To-day a Calcutta
plaintiff's language regarding Europeans that
would have brought down condign punishment
on him had it been properly translated. Not
so long ago a man got seven days for using the
word "barbarian" in describing a European.

A RECENT copy of the *New York World* con-
tains a picture of a group consisting of Emilio
Aguinaldo and over thirty principal insurgents,
along with Col. Primo de Rivera and two other
Spanish officers. The photograph was taken at
Hongkong, shortly after the settlement made by
the treaty of Biacabato, so completely infringed
by the Spanish refusal to carry out the specified
reforms.

WE are arranging for improved wharf accom-
modation at Kowloon, including protection from
the weather to travellers while waiting for the
launches, and we hope later on to be able to
effect some improvements on the Hongkong
side, as well. It may interest you to hear that
earnings have been well up to estimates so far.
I move that the Annual General Meeting of the
Company be held before the 31st July in each
year.

Mr. Terry seconded.

Carrid.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held
this afternoon. His Excellency the Officer
Admiring the Government, Major-General
Wilson Black, C.B., presided, and there were
also present: Hon. T. S. Smith (Acting Colonial
Secretary), Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G. (Captain
Superintendent of Police), Hon. W. M. Thomson
(Harbour Master), Hon. W. M. Goodman,
Attorney-General, official members; the Hon.
C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Hon. T. H. Whitehead,
Hon. Dr. Ho Kit, Hon. Wei Yu A Yuk, Hon. K.
R. Bellairs and Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, un-
official members.

THE minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.
The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that
Financial Minutes No. 9 and 10 be referred to
the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

OPEN SPACES FOR THE PUBLIC.
The Hon. Dr. Hukal in pursuance of notice
given at the last meeting of the Council moved
the following resolution:—

"That it is desirable in the interests of the
public that the piece of ground situated at British
Kowloon known as Sung Wong Tot, together
with a certain area of land surrounding and
adjacent thereto, as delineated and marked red
on the annexed plan, should not be let for building
or other purposes, but should be reserved for
the benefit of the public in perpetuity, and
that the same should be delineated and marked
off and kept in good order by the Public Works
Department of this colony."

In moving this resolution, he was actuated
by several motives for the reservation of
some open space—some additional open
space—for the Colony of Hongkong and
its dependencies. It seemed to be looking
too far ahead at this time of the day
when British Kowloon would be overpopulated.

When one took into consideration the rapid
growth of the Colony of Hongkong from a bar-
ren rock in 50 years into a thickly populated
place, more populated per square miles than any
other city in the world and that after the short
period of 50 years. They were not, therefore,
looking too far ahead in preserving this piece
of ground for the benefit of the public of
Hongkong and British Kowloon. Knowing
that the Chinese loved British liberty and pro-
tection and their great appreciation of British
people they could tell beforehand that in a
very few years the territory about to be
acquired by the British Government would be
occupied and Kowloon would very soon become a centre of
trade, industry and manufacture second perhaps
only to Hongkong itself. (Applause). His
second reason for moving this was that there
stood a monument of antiquity—a large stone
with an inscription of close upon six hundred
years old. He thought that this place should
be preserved for ever.

Hon. Wei Ayak seconded this resolution.

THE WAR.

Interviewed by a representative of the *Telegraph* today, Schor Navaro, the Spanish Consul, stated that he had received information from his Government that the preliminary protocol of the negotiations for peace had been signed, and consequently hostilities will be suspended, but he had not received any official intimation that the Americans are to occupy Manila. He added that he would convey the fact to the knowledge of His Excellency the Governor General of the Philippines.

The German cruiser *Kaiserin Augusta* arrived to-day from Manila, which port she left on Saturday last. Up to his going to press the postal authorities were unable to say whether she had or had not brought a mail. A small package has been received at the German Consulate but it cannot be opened until the Consul returns to-night from Canton. The cruiser's officers report that everything was in *status quo* when they left Manila.

LATEST BY WIRE.

LONDON, July 23rd. Four American warships bombarded and silenced the fortifications at Nipe Bay on the north-east coast of Cuba and took the Spanish cruiser *Jorge Juan*.

The British steamer *Regulus* has been captured by the Americans after landing a cargo at Sagua La Granda, Cuba.

July 24th.

In view of the better knowledge now obtained of the conditions among the Cubans the opinion in Government circles at Washington is that it may be many years before it will be possible to entreat the Cubans with the government of the island.

The Cubans have looted several remote towns in surrendered territory, after the withdrawal of the Spanish garrisons, and have done considerable plundering in the outskirts of Santiago.

The dispute between General Shafter and Garcia, the Cuban insurrection leader, has caused great concern at Washington, where it is ascribed to General Shafter's want of tact. General Shafter has now replied to Garcia's letter of complaint, acknowledging the valuable assistance rendered by the valiant Cubans and regarding Garcia's determination to withdraw his forces.

July 25th.

An official despatch announces that a force under General Miles landed on Monday at Guanica in Puerto Rico, ten miles to the westward of Ponce, after a skirmish with the enemy in which four Spaniards were killed and the American troops unscathed. General Miles is now pushing forward to San Juan, the railway.

July 27th.

A Washington telegram to the New York *Herald* states that the French Ambassador's Note to the President said that Spain admits being worsted in the struggle, and asks to be informed on what terms the United States would be prepared to conclude peace.

July 28th.

It is announced at Madrid that 700 Spanish volunteers in Puerto Rico compelled the Americans, who were advancing on Yancos, to retreat to their previous position.

The spread of fever among General Shafter's troops in Cuba is causing anxiety at Washington and orders have been issued for their return to New York when it is possible to leave the island.

July 29th.

A Washington telegraph announces that Mr. McKinley's Cabinet unanimously opposed the acquisition of the Philippines Islands as a whole, the future Government whereof will probably be settled by a joint American and Spanish committee subject to a guarantee of reforms.

REPORTED TROUBLES AT PEKING.

An uneasy feeling, says the *Shanghai Daily Press* of 6th inst., has been prevalent during the day owing to rumours of renewed difficulties in the North. The orders telegraphed from Lord Salisbury that Great Britain was prepared to support China in resisting the unparalleled demands of Russia have been accepted by the latter as equivalent to a declaration of war. Any way the lines, such as they are, have been blocked by government telegrams. It is to be hoped that Lord Salisbury will not again adopt his favourite device of "tucking in his twopenny."

CHENGTU.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

July 30th.

A PECULIAR RUMOUR. has spread over the entire province, namely, that all foreigners in Chingtu were selling out and going home. It was the chief topic in the shops for weeks and is still a favourite subject. That this report could spread so widely and be so persistent in its way would seem to indicate that underneath the surface there was a meaning qualitatively expressed in the old proverb "A word to the wise is sufficient." There is certainly a restlessness. "What next?" is manifested in the bearing of the people. Here we are, the largest province in the empire.

WITHOUT A VICE-REGAL OR A TREASURER. What officials are to blame for the delays in bringing the Kiangsu murderers to trial it may be difficult to decide, but their actions are bearing fruit in other places. One precedent is sufficient for out-of-the-way literary men to visit their spirits on the new order of things.

CHANG-FOR THE BETTER.

There is a movement in this city which augurs well and shows the trend of officialdom. The term *yang*, for things foreign, especially men, has become synonymous with something hateful and despisable, hence to eat a more hateful feeling the officials are forbidding its use. For foreign cloth they have substituted wide cloth, for foreign fire (match) firewood, etc. The term *yangfan* for foreigner has almost disappeared of late.

THE DESIRE FOR KNOWLEDGE.

The most encouraging feature of the present restlessness is the readiness of the scholars to adapt themselves to the changing conditions. Shanghai papers are being largely circulated. The *Shih-ching-pao* (*Chinese Progress*) is a good eye-opener to many. About 50 subscriptions to *Wan-ching-chung-pao* (*Review of the Times*) manifest the interest in political and moral reform. Western learning is becoming very popular and hostility to foreigners amongst the literati is becoming yearly less.

AN APPEAL.

We trust that England will never permit this beautiful province to be alienated. It properly belongs to the Yangtze Valley and should be so established. Roman Catholic converts are being somewhat embittered against Americans on account of the war with Spain.

THE NEW MINT.

Is now in working order. The machinery arrived in a most unsatisfactory condition being covered with rust. Mr. Javier, however, has succeeded in putting everything into good working order. Messrs. Javier and Eversall expect to leave on the 15th. The Chongkiang community will be very sorry to part with them.—N. C. D.

DISTURBANCES NEAR CHUNGKING.

The American Bible Society's agent at Chungking, Mr. Laughton, reports under date July 10th that the natives in and around Chungking are much disturbed and unfriendly to foreigners and the native agent of missions states that three coolies and some coolies left there for Kweichow, and when they reached a market town named Shihkangtung one of the coolies was set upon and very seriously beaten about the head. The other men returned to Chungking and reported the matter to Mr. Laughton, who at once interviewed the British and United States Consuls. These both applied to the Tao-tai for an escort which was granted and next day Mr. Laughton went to the scene of the attack on the co-patriots. Yamco-runners were sent with the party and the assailants were discovered. They were found to be two wealthy farmers, who were successful in bringing the Tao-tai's officials to reprimand them as missing.

Mr. Laughton made the usual claims through the Consul and he had the injured men sent back to Chungking in a chair to have his wounds treated. He was feeling rather anxious when the mail left for the safety of other coolies at work in the disturbed region.

The British Consul will not allow any British subject to travel around Chungking except to the bungalows on the hills, and Mr. Laughton had to get special permission to go to the relief of the wounded native.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

THE NEW JAPANESE TREATIES.

PROCLAMATION BY THE HOME MINISTER. KYO, August 8th. Count Itagaki, the Home Minister, issued the following proclamation today:—

The Government has resolved to put in operation the new Treaties in July next year, and notice has been given accordingly to the Treaty Powers in accordance with the provisions of the new Treaties.

The revision of the existing Treaties has been the earnest desire of all the people of Japan, whether connected or unconnected with the Government ever since the Restoration. Now the opportunity has arrived, and within a year Japan will enter the family of nations on an equal footing. When we acquire the rights, we must remember to discharge the duties attending the rights. The demands of the Japanese towards foreigners will not only represent the degree of the civilization of Japan, but will affect the prestige of this Empire. The people of Japan should treat foreigners in a broad and liberal spirit, and receive them with kinship and cordiality, thus encouraging to make manifest more than ever the good name of the nation, and the glory of the Empire.

We still fail to see how notice can be given before the Austro-Hungarian Treaty is ratified.—ED. K.C.

PROFESSOR KOCH ON THE PLAGUE.

Professor Koch communicated his observations on the spread of the bubonic plague in India to the German Public Health Society on July 1st, when he stated:—

Till not long ago, it was believed that the plague was a thing of the past, but its outbreak in Hongkong, Bombay, Tripoli, &c., during the last decade, has rectified that error. From old efforts were made to solve the riddle of the origin of this murderous pestilence, but they proved vain. Kitasato and Yersin found the germ in a characteristic bacillus, and proved it to be the only cause of the disease by experiments on animals. The historically-known ways of the spread of the disease prove the existence of a series of geographically-independent plague foci. The Menopotamian one has been known since ancient times. But whence came the Chinese plague? It could be proved that its endemic centre was in Yunnan. A second focus from which the disease spreads both south-eastwards to China, and southwards to India must be presumed to exist in Tibet, and a third at a point in the district of Astan, on the Arabian coast. I have found a fourth in Kinsay north of our African colonies. The death of enormous numbers of rats is regarded as a sure omen of the approach of plague in Africa, India, and China. The plague must, therefore, be regarded primarily as a raid disease, and only secondarily as a human one. From tropical Africa the plague found its way some years ago to Tripoli. It may be hoped, however, that it will not be able to resist the advance of general civilization, and that it will prove possible to expel it even from the last foci of the quite uncivilized parts of Central Asia and Africa, whither it has crept.

NOT ANDA.

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CALENDAR.

AUGUST.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.

Barometer 30.762
Thermometer 60.9
Humidity 83
Rainfall 13.89

TO-DAY.

On date On date
Barometer 29.75 29.70
Thermometer 81 83
Humidity 81 81
Rainfall 0.01

TO-DAY.

Monday, 15th August, 1898.
Chile—59th of 6th month of 24th year of Kyo-ki.

Fête of the three gods of heaven, of earth and of water, and of the five attendant sacrificial spirits.

Sun—Rises 5hr. 58min.
Sets 6hr. 51min.

High water—Morning 7hr. 15min.
Afternoon 9hr. 10min.

Low water—Morning 9hr. 50min.
Afternoon 9hr. 25min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1771—Sir Walter Scott born.

1830—The Vicerey of Canton trying to starve the foreigners in China.

1839—The supply of provisions to British persons or ships interdicted by Viceroy Lin.

1853—Kagoshima burnt by Admiral Kuper, in H.M.S. *Burwell*.

1879—Great fire in Shanghai; 99 houses destroyed.

1887—Tyam Tunnel completed.

1896—Li Hung-chang visited Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden.

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ANNIVERSARIES.

1637—Ben Jonson died.

1834—Second public meeting of British merchants at Canton. Trade stopped by the "Hoop" merchants.

1843—Committee of Public Health and Cleanliness appointed for Hongkong.

1866—Franco-Spanish Treaty signed.

1891—Tyam at Kobe; 1st. Helen Richmire driven ashore.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

Tacoma (*Columbia*) 17th inst.

English (*Sutlej*) 19th inst.

Canadian (*Empress of India*) 23rd inst.

American (*Gatce*) 24th inst.

German (*Prussia*) 24th inst.

American (*Aster*) 24th inst.

American (*Dove*) 26th inst.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Mantua* left Singapore for this port at 6 a.m. on the 13th inst.

The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Doric* with mails, etc., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 13th inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Sutlej* with the outward English mails, left Singapore for this port at 4 p.m. yesterday, the 14th, and is due here on the 16th inst. at about noon.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Nagasaki at 7 a.m. to-day, the 15th, and leaves again at 5 p.m. for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 9 p.m. to-morrow, the 16th inst.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Gatce* with mails, etc., from San Francisco to the 50th ult., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, to-morrow morning, the 16th inst.

KOREA.

THE KING WISHES TO ABDICATE.

LONDON, July 26th.

News has been received that the King of Korea, wishing to abdicate, has applied to be allowed to take refuge in the British Consulate at Seoul, but permission has been refused.

A MAHOMMEDAN MISSIONARY,

Among the visitors to Hongkong at present is Mr. W. Allan Lloyd a European Mahomedan, who is proceeding to Taikoo to endeavour to enlist the sympathy of the Sultan in a project for the building of a Mahomedan church in New York, on similar lines to the one at present in Liverpool. It may not be generally known that in Liverpool there exists a very active propaganda in the cause of Islam, some three hundred Europeans having embraced that faith, and to whom much attention was drawn last Christmas by the sight of three hundred Mahomedans giving five ducans to the poor of a Christian city. Mr. Lloyd was a passenger by the *Asiatic*, which arrived here from Australia yesterday.

Mr. Lloyd will deliver lectures here upon the need of active missionary enterprise on the part of the Mahomedans.

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STEAMERS,	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	
SADO MARU	NAGASAKI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TO-MORROW, 16th August, at 4 P.M.	
Murray	MARSELLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	TO-MORROW, 16th August, at 4 P.M.	
KAMAKURA MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	WE. NESSAY, 24th August, at 4 P.M.	
N. Trent	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, KEPPEL BAY, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 26th August, at 4 P.M.	
TAMIA MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	MONDAY, 29th August, at 4 P.M.	
H. BUNES	MARSELLES, LONDON, NEWCASTLE and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	THURSDAY, 1st September, at 4 P.M.	
OMI MARU	TOSA MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 2nd September, at Noon
C. Young	VLADIVOSTOK, via SHANGHAI, CHINFOO, CHIMULUO, NAGASAKI	MONDAY, 29th August, at 4 P.M.	
TOKIO MARU	FUSAN and GENSAN	MONDAY, 29th August, at 4 P.M.	
E. W. Haswell	VLADIVOSTOK, via SHANGHAI, CHINFOO, CHIMULUO, NAGASAKI	FRIDAY, 2nd September, at Noon	

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ARABIA	LONDON, HAMBURG & ANTWERP	About 1st September
ARCADIA	LONDON, HAMBURG & ANTWERP	About 15th September
Burmester	HAVRE AND HAMBURG	About 21st September
SARNA	HAVRE AND HAMBURG	About 21st September
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